



## Fauquier County Public Library e-books “how-to”

### Supported e-readers

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- Literati Reader
- Most tablets (Android operating system)

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Below are quick how-to directions on getting started with e-books from the Fauquier County Public Library.

### Checking out e-books for the Kindle or Kindle App

The Fauquier County Public Library offers Kindle versions of many of its e-books. With the exception of **Penguin titles**, which work with the e-reader only, these e-books work on both the Kindle e-reader and on any mobile device or computer through a Kindle app or the Kindle Cloud Reader.

#### Instructions:

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- Under **Services**, select **e-books & e-audiobooks**;
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## Checking out e-books for a Nook, Kobo, Sony or other e-reader

In order to read the library's e-books on a Nook, Kobo, or other more "traditional" e-reader, you must download and install the third party software program Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) on the computer you will be using with your e-reader.

### Instructions:

- Download and install the free Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) software on your computer (<http://www.adobe.com/products/digitaleditions/>);
- Create a free Adobe ID and authorize your computer. When the Setup Assistant appears, click "get an Adobe ID online" if you don't already have one;
- Go to <http://library.fauquiercounty.gov>;
- Under **Services**, select **e-books & e-audiobooks**;
- Select **Overdrive**;
- Search or browse for an e-book. (Tip: Use "Advanced Search" and search by e-book format.);
- Once you've found a book, click "Add to cart," then from your Cart, click "Proceed to Checkout";
- Select your library system and enter your library card number;
- Click "Confirm check out" and click the "Download" button under each e-book;
- In the pop-up window that appears, select "**Open with:** Adobe Digital Editions."
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- Disconnect your e-reader safely. The e-book will return automatically after 14 days. (You can return it early by using the drop-down menu on the book cover icon in ADE.)

## Checking out e-books for iPhone, iPad and other tablets, Android, and other mobile devices

You can use the library's e-books on popular mobile devices such as the Apple iPhone and iPad, Android, Blackberry, or Xoom Tablet. Please note that not all Android devices are supported. Consult <http://www.overdrive.com/resources/drc/Default.aspx?type=ebook> for details. Computer syncing is not required; e-books can be delivered directly to your device through the free Overdrive Media Console app.

- Search your device's app store for the Overdrive Media Console app and install it on your phone. You can also obtain the app from <http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/>;
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- Tap "Get Books," then "Add a Website" and search for the Fauquier County Public Library in Virginia (or put in the zip code, 20186). Tap the star icon to add it to your favorites, then tap the ">" arrow to launch the catalog;
- Search or browse the OverDrive catalog for an e-book;
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## Checking out e-books on a PanDigital Nova

Only the *Pandigital Novel* is listed on OverDrive's list of compatible devices for e-books (<http://www.overdrive.com/resources/drc/Default.aspx?type=ebook>) and functions like the Nook and Kobo; the *Pandigital Nova* is listed on OverDrive's list of compatible devices for e-audio books (not e-books). Fauquier County Public Library staff have had success downloading/reading library e-books with the Pandigital Nova/SuperNova using the **Amazon Kindle Reading App**.

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- Download the Amazon Appstore for Android to your device
- Once you've downloaded and installed the Amazon Appstore, search the Amazon Appstore for the **Kindle Reader**
- Download and install the Kindle Reader app to your device; **NOTE: You must set your Amazon account up with for 1-click ordering, which requires a valid credit card (or gift card), shipping address, etc., on file, as well as a valid cell phone number for one-click. This is because this is technically for mobile users, i.e., smart phone users.**
- Once you've downloaded/installed the Kindle Reader device, go to <http://library.fauquiercounty.gov> from a computer or device that allows you to access the web in a **full/desktop browser** (not a mobile browser); **the Pandigital Nova/Supernova's browser is a mobile browser and will not display Kindle book format, only ePub**
- Under **Services**, select **e-books & e-audiobooks**;
- Select **Overdrive**;
- Browse or search for an e-book. (TIP: If you choose **Advanced Search**, you can limit format to Kindle and also select to show only titles available);
- Once you've found a book, click "Add to cart";
- From your Cart, click "Proceed to Checkout";
- Select your library system and enter your library card number;
- Click "Confirm check out";
- Click the "Get for Kindle" button. This opens the Amazon.com website. You will need to sign in to your Amazon.com account;
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## Returning your e-book(s) early

Only OverDrive e-books (not e-audio titles) can be returned early, and the process for returning titles varies depending on the type of reader you are using. Here are the directions for the most common readers.

### Readers accessed with Adobe Digital Editions

- Open Adobe Digital Editions on your computer
- Go to your library
- Click the small arrow to the left of the title you want to return
- Choose "Return borrowed item"
- Click "Return" in the window that pops up

### Mobile devices (iPad, iPod, etc.)

- Open the Overdrive Media Console app on your device
- Go to your list of titles
- Swipe to the left over the arrow that is located to the right of the title you want to return
- Touch the "Delete" link
- Choose "Return and Delete" in the window that pops up

### Amazon Kindle or Kindle app on mobile device

- Go to Amazon.com and login to your account
- Click on My Account
- Under Order History, click on View Your Kindle Orders
- Find the title that you want to return (it will say "Public Library" in orange next to the title)
- Click the button that says "Actions" located to the right of the title you want to return
- Choose "Return to Library"

## Troubleshooting

- **OverDrive's Help** - <http://brdc.lib.overdrive.com/10/513/en/Help.htm>
- **Fauquier County Public Library's e-book FAQs** - [http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments/library/index.cfm?action=fags\\_netlibrary](http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments/library/index.cfm?action=fags_netlibrary)
- **Contact your local library** – (540) 422-8500